

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Andrew S. VAN LUCHENE) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: 10/643,803) Group Art Unit: 3622
Filing Date: August 19, 2003) Attorney Docket No: 98-024-C1
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)) CUSTOMER NO.: 22927
FACILITATING THE PLAY OF)
FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS)
UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE)
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1. [] Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the pending U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. Applicants would be pleased to provide the Examiner with a copy of these applications upon request.
2. [] For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a European Search Report from a counterpart European application is enclosed. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): _____
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- [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application.
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 - b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.

- c. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.
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- [] 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue;
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9. [] I hereby certify:
- [] that each item of information contained in the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of such communication is enclosed.
- [] that no item of information contained or listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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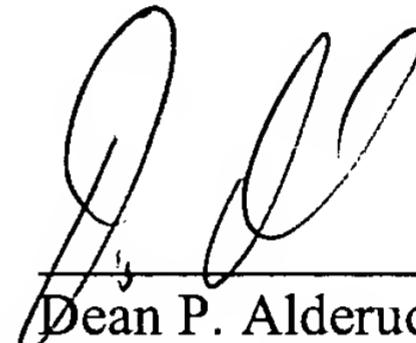
11. [X] In addition to the citations listed above, applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent applications, which are commonly assigned to the assignee of the instant application, and which may be deemed pertinent to the instant application:

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. These applications have not been listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 in order to preserve their secrecy during the course of their prosecution.

12. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. A copy of this authorization is attached.
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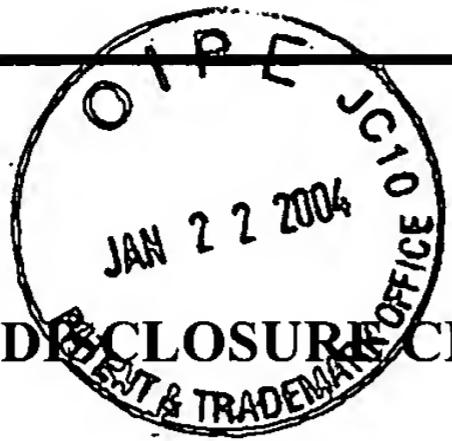
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	G	5,305,195	04/19/94	Murphy	364	401	
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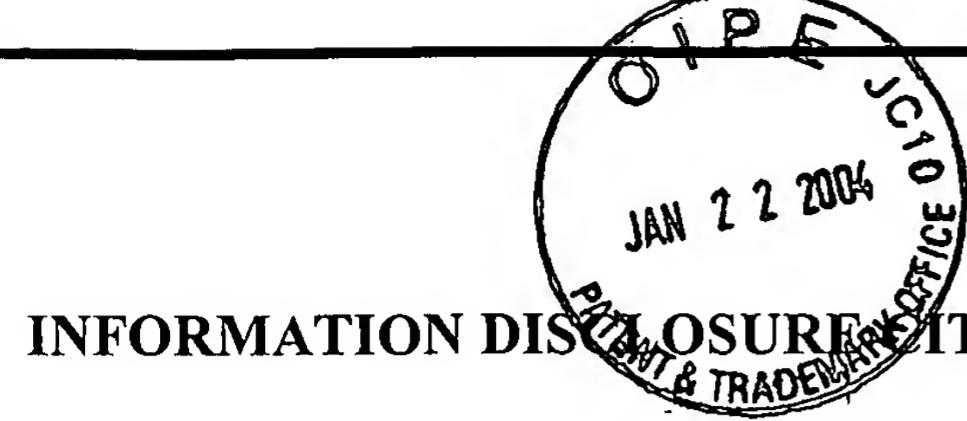
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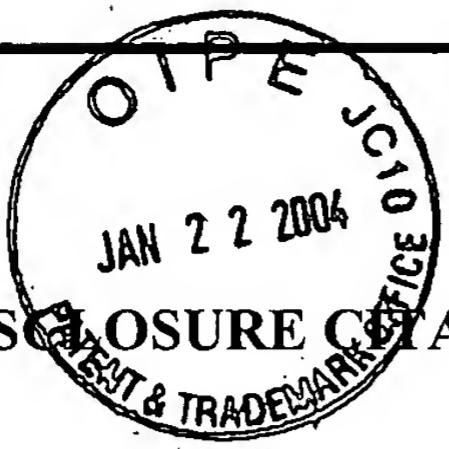
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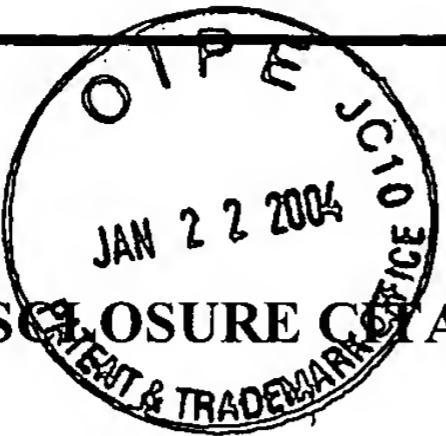
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